

No Time For Probe Of CIA

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When they're not busy trying to scuttle the House Committee on Un-American Activities, one of the favorite pastimes of Liberal congressmen is to demand an investigation of the Central Intelligence Agency.

So Sen. Eugene J. McCarthy, D-Minn., is right on schedule in proposing that the Senate Foreign Relations Committee make "a full and complete inquiry" into effects of the CIA "on the foreign policy of the United States."

Sen. McCarthy's sense of timing is astoundingly bad. Here we are with an escalating war in Viet Nam, and the CIA involved up to its eyebrows there and all over the globe, and the senator wants an investigation that could blow the "cover" on our top security agency.

The CIA has made mistakes, true. It has been caught with its fingers in the cookie jar in Viet Nam and in Malaysia, with acute embarrassment to Uncle Sam. But

its over-all performance has been excellent, at least in the judgment of men like Sen. Thomas J. Dodd, D-Conn., and others whose opinions we value.

No good purpose would be served at this time in reciting errors made by the CIA. Why poke on the nose an agency that—for security reasons—can't fight back? Why cast aspersions on CIA agents who are risking all to fight communism on the anonymous battlefields of the world?

There's been a virtual epidemic of attacks on the CIA, many of them from pacifists who would let the Reds take over the world rather than fight against them, and others from well-meaning people who find something distasteful in intelligence—even when its aim is to keep freedom safe and secure.

The CIA isn't sacrosanct, but it's one of the most potent weapons we have for combatting Red subversion abroad. Let's not dull its blade at this critical time in our history.

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CIA Doing Too Good A Job For Some

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WASHINGTON — Central Intelligence Director William Raborn is being virulently attacked from both within and outside the huge agency — by some strange bedfellows.

One of these smear campaigns, which involves the circulation of forged documents and planted anti-CIA press reports overseas, is being masterminded by the KGB, the Soviet secret police.

THESE PROPAGANDA operations are part of a long-range Russian scheme to discredit the CIA's worldwide covert activities, and to try to force Adm. Raborn out of office. The immediate KGB objective is to dry up sources which are giving the CIA advance information on the Kremlin's machinations to foment "wars of liberation" in Asia, Africa and Latin America.

Illustrative of the scope, nature and success of the CIA's covert operations was the infiltration of its agents at the recent Tri-Continent Revolutionary Conference in Havana.

At the Cuban meeting, Reds from Asia, Africa and Latin America called for the destruction or withdrawal of U.S.

forces from South Viet Nam and the Dominican Republic.

The other attack against Raborn is from the rear.

These CIA "insiders" are credited with strongly disagreeing with his hard-nose opposition to making concessions to Russia, and his firm insistence on obtaining "all intelligence" regardless of whether it facilitates friendly relations between the U.S. and the Soviet.

Congressional friends of Raborn attribute some of his difficulties with long-time career CIA employees to his setting up around-the-clock watch officers to keep him constantly informed of Russian and Chinese covert operations. This highly sensitive check system was put into effect when Raborn learned that either important intelligence was not sent to him or delivery was delayed for days.

THE PRESIDENT, who personally selected Raborn, thoroughly approves the way he is functioning and is giving him his full support.

Efforts to label Raborn as inexperienced and ineffective are brushed off. The President has brushed off critics that his confidence in Raborn's ability has grown since he became head of CIA.